PATENT Attv. Dkt. No. AVIS/1016C

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in re Application of:

Sherman, et al.

Serial No.: 09/753,496

Confirmation No.: 2163

Filed: January 2, 2001

For: Method of Removing Contaminants

from Petroleum Distillates

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Group Art Unit: 1764

Examiner: N. G. Preisch

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence and the documents referred to as attached therein are being facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the fax number indicated by the Examiner, N. G. Preisch, fax number (703) 305-3599, on the date below?

(0/21/2002\_ W. Signature

## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 26, 2002

In response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response extended one month to expire on June 26, 2002, Applicant requests entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks. Although Applicant believes that no fee is due in conjunction with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AVIS/1016C, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 17, 32, 39, 44, and 54, and amend the claims as follows: